Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Two officers are deputed here and I want to know whether all the works suggested by the first officer, are already undertaken.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not all the works. Some works were not favourably reported upon and so those works were not undertaken.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the necessity for appointing a second officer before completing the works reported by the first officer ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Irrigation projects have been suggested by the Council and the Government and by the people and as such works not been investigated by the first officer had to be taken up.

Admission—Madanappalli Sanatorium.

104. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state if they are aware:—

(a) that a large number of tuberculosis patients from the Cochin State were resorting to the Madanappalli Sanatorium and many of them have received successful treatment free; and

(b) that the Madanappalli Sanatorium has of late been refusing admission to the tuberculosis patients from the Cochin State on the ground that no support is given to the Sanatorium from the Cochin Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) No. But Government are aware that preference in admission is given to patients from areas which give financial support to the institution.

105. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state, if the answers to question No. 104 (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what steps they propose to take for the proper and up-to-date treatment of the poor suffering subjects of the State who are at present standing in need of such treatment for tuberculosis?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Government are considering the question of an annual grant to a sanatorium with a view to getting a few beds reserved for patients from the State.

Tuberculosis disease.

106. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) to what extent tuberculosis disease prevails in the State ;

(b) if there is greater immunity in the State than elsewhere in the Malabar coast and Southern India; and

(c) what is the statistics in regard to the attack and death due to tuberculosis in the State ?

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